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**U. S. Missionary Doctor**

# Congo Rebels to Kill American as a 'Spy'

THE CONGO, Nov. 16 (UPI)

The rebel radio announced Paul Carlson, an American missionary doctor, will be executed today as a "U.S. spy and major righting the revolutionary forces."

The radio at Stanleyville said Mr. Carlson, 36, would be executed at noon after sentence by a rebel military tribunal. The broadcast was monitored here.

Stanleyville is headquarters of the so-called "Peoples Republic of the Congo," the leftist group which has been fighting Premier Moise Tshombe.

**CALLED A MERCENARY**

The rebels charged Mr. Carlson was a mercenary fighting with government forces.

The U.S. Embassy here denied a month ago that Mr. Carlson was a major or even a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. His only military service was as an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy in the 1940s, the Embassy said.

Mr. Carlson worked in the northern Congo from a jungle mission station at Wasolo, near Yakomo. The rebels arrested him at Yakomo about Sept. 20.

Mr. Carlson's wife and two children were evacuated with all other American missionaries before the rebels arrived. Mr. Carlson, the only American

remaining in the area, refused to leave.

His arrest became officially known only when Radio Stanleyville broadcast on Oct. 25 that "U.S. Maj. Carlson, captured in the Yakoma fighting on Sept. 20, is in good health and is awaiting trial by a military tribunal."

**NOT IN MILITARY**

The U.S. Embassy here asked the International Red Cross to inform rebel authorities that Mr. Carlson was not a military man. He is a member of the Mission Evangelique de L'Ubangi, whose headquarters are the Covenant World Missions in Chicago.

Mr. Carlson is the first white known to have been tried by a

rebel military court. Apprehension over the fate of all the 1000 whites behind rebel lines has been rising. Some sources fear one American missionary, William Scholten, was probably tortured and beaten to death.

In rebel hands are 63 U.S. citizens. Also behind rebel lines are in Stanleyville are Consul Michael Hoyt, plus an American planter and three men who were employed by the former private Protestant University of Stanleyville, together with one woman and five children.

Radio Stanleyville announced two weeks ago that because of "bombings by foreigners" all American and Belgian nationals were considered "prisoners of war."